

FISCAL NOTE

HB 850 - SB 878

March 14, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board of Nursing to grant licensure to an applicant who served in the U.S. Armed Forces if the applicant served on active duty under honorable conditions in the medical corps, completed the course of instruction required to qualify the applicant for rating as a medical specialist advanced, medical service technician, or other equivalent rating, and gives the Board a copy of the certificate issued to certify completion of the course of instruction and applicant's discharge from the armed services. Requires the Board of Nursing to prepare and maintain records as to the number of veterans who apply for licensure and a percentage of those who pass the examination and non-veterans who apply and the percentage of those who pass the examination. The Board shall report such records to the General Assembly during the first ten days of the legislative session.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Required modifications to the licensing applications, computer database and nursing rules could be achieved with little or no additional expense.
- This bill would increase the number of applicants who qualify for licensure as a registered nurse. The increase in revenues as fees will not be significant to the Board of Nursing.
- The Board of Nursing, by statute, is self supporting such that revenues equal expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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